

Title 10
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL
HYGIENE

Subtitle 41 BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS,
HEARING AID DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS

Notice of Proposed Action
[16-024-P]

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to:

- (1) Amend Regulation .03 and adopt new Regulation .07 under **COMAR 10.41.03 Licensure and Continuing Education**;
- (2) Amend Regulation .02 and adopt new Regulation .13 under **COMAR 10.41.08 Hearing Aid Dispensers**; and
- (3) Amend Regulation .03 and adopt new Regulation .10 under **COMAR 10.41.11 Speech-Language Pathology Assistants**.

This action was considered at a public meeting on October 15, 2015, notice of which was given by publication on the Board's website at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/boardsahs/SitePages/Home.aspx>, pursuant to State Government Article § 10-506(c)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to:

- (1) Require an official transcript as part of an application for the license to the Board; and
- (2) Require that licensees notify the Board within 30 days of the change of a mailing address, name, or email address and to authorize the Board to impose a \$100 administrative penalty for failure to notify the Board of such changes.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michele Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to dhmh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through February 8, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

10.41.03 Licensure and Continuing Education

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§2–205, 2–302, 2–310, 2–310.2, and 2–314(11), Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Requirements for Licensure.

A. Limited Licensure.

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) *Application.*

(a) *An individual applying for limited licensure shall submit a complete application.*

(b) *The Board shall determine whether an application is complete.*

- (c) *A complete application shall include:*
 - (i) *The application fee;*
 - (ii) *All required documentation regarding supervision of the limited licensee; and*
 - (iii) *An official transcript from the accredited educational institution attended by the applicant.*
- (4) *Upon approval of an application, the Board shall issue a document authorizing the applicant to practice in this State in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §2–306, Annotated Code of Maryland, and the regulations in this chapter.*

B.—D. (text unchanged)

.07 Licensee Responsibilities.

- A. *A licensee shall notify the Board in writing of a change of:*
 - (1) *Mailing address within 30 days after the change;*
 - (2) *Name within 30 days after the change; or*
 - (3) *Email address within 30 days after the change if the licensee has previously submitted an email address to the Board.*
- B. *A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this regulation is subject to an administrative penalty of \$100.*

10.41.08 Hearing Aid Dispensers

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§2–205, 2–302.1, 2–310.1, and 2–314(10) and (11), Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Application for License.

- A.—C. (text unchanged)
- D. *The applicant shall include with the application:*
 - (1) *[A check or money order made payable to the Board in the amount specified] The application fee; [and]*
 - (2) *If applying for a full license in hearing aid dispensing or transferring from a limited license in hearing aid dispensing to a full license in hearing aid dispensing, evidence of graduation from an accredited 2-year post-secondary program, as defined in Regulation .01-1B of this chapter]*
 - (2) *Documentation regarding supervision of the limited license, if applicable;*
 - (3) *An official transcript from the accredited 2-year post-secondary program, as defined in Regulation .01-1B of this chapter, attended by the applicant; and*
 - (4) *All other required documentation.*
- E.—I. (text unchanged)
- J. *Upon approval of an application, the Board shall issue a document authorizing the applicant to practice in this State in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §2–306, Annotated Code of Maryland, and the regulations in this chapter.*

.13 Licensee Responsibilities.

- A. *A licensee shall notify the Board in writing of a change of:*
 - (1) *Mailing address within 30 days after the change;*
 - (2) *Name within 30 days after the change; or*
 - (3) *Email address within 30 days after the change if the licensee has previously submitted an email address to the Board.*
- B. *A licensee who fails to comply with requirements of this regulation is subject to an administrative penalty of \$100.*

10.41.11 Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§2–205 and 2–314(10) and (11), Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Requirements for a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License.

- A. *Academic Curriculum Requirement.*
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) *The Board shall accept only an official transcript that demonstrates course work completed with a grade of at least a “C” taken for credit.*
 - (3)—(4) (text unchanged)
- B.—C. (text unchanged)

.10 Licensee Responsibilities.

- A. *A licensee shall notify the Board in writing of a change of:*
 - (1) *Mailing address within 30 days after the change;*
 - (2) *Name within 30 days after the change; or*

(3) Email address within 30 days after the change if the licensee has previously submitted an email address to the Board.

B. A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this regulation is subject to an administrative penalty of \$100.

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